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JOINT INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN TWENTY-FOUR DEFENDANTS BEING INDICTED IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment on December 3, 2007, on December 3, 2007, against the following individuals: Alfred Rivas-Lopez, age 28, of Phoenix, AZ; Julio Rivas, age unknown, of Phoenix, AZ; Byron Mayes, age 32, of Louisville, KY; **Dominique Kemp**, age 26, of Louisville, KY; **Luis Arenas-Sanchez**, age 27, of Chicago, IL; Murrel Belmar, age 32, of Louisville, KY; Kwmane Chester Berry, age 33, of Louisville, KY; Ricky Brown a/k/a Primo, age 30, of Louisville, KY; Adan Omar Chaparro-Mariscal, age 30, address unknown; Robert Oscar Edwards a/k/a Shitty, age 32, of Louisville, KY; Antonio Garcia-Lopez a/k/a Antonio Garcia-Vega, age 32, of Phoenix, AZ; Camilo Garcia-Rivera, age 30, address unknown; Ignacio Gonzalez-Jimenez, age 25, address unknown; Rita Martin, age 42, of Louisville, KY; Louis Richards a/k/a Boobie, age 25, of Louisville, KY; Paula Roberts, age 44, of Louisville, KY; Cody Ruff, age 22, of Louisville, KY; Gary Deshon Silver, age 31, of Louisville, KY; Samantha Turner, age 20, of Louisville, KY; Jesus Vega-Parra, age 25, address unknown; Stephen Matthew Wells, age 33, of Louisville, KY; Jovan Tobias Williams a/k/a Baz, age 30, of Louisville, KY; Deldrick Antwan Woods a/k/a Dez, age 28, of Louisville, KY; and Eric Wise a/k/a Muncie, M-Dog, age unknown, of Atlanta, GA. Arenas-Sanchez, Chaparro-Mariscal, Garcia-Lopez, GarciaRivera, Gonzalez-Jimenez and Vega-Parra are illegal aliens who are subject to deportation. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 5 kilograms or more of crack cocaine from July to November 2007, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that from on or about and between July 31, 2007 and November 20, 2007, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, the above-named individuals knowingly conspired with

each other and with others to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine.

As a part of the investigation which led to this indictment, law enforcement executed search warrants at several locations throughout Louisville. A search warrant was executed at and address on Harrods Creek Court where six kilograms of cocaine having a street value of approximately \$600,000.00 was seized. The cocaine had been hidden in the drive shaft of a pickup truck. Also seized at this residence was a large amount of cash. A search warrant was executed on Old Henry Road where used vehicle drive shafts and metal sleeves were seized from the garage. Also seized were two money counters, digital scales, and a large amount of cash, slightly less than half of which had been hidden in the drive shaft of another pickup truck. A search warrant was executed at an address on Cedar Street where several kilogram cocaine wrappers in a distinct can shape were seized along with digital scales, a spoon, a measuring cup, a box of baggies, two boxes of baking soda and a pair of rubber gloves. All of these items were found together within two shoe boxes. A search warrant was executed on South 36th Street where digital scales and four ounces of cocaine having a street value of approximately \$11,340.00 were seized.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, an

\$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 10 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment and at least 5 years supervised release.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Louisville Metro Police Department, with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

All of the defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 20, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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